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AND METHODS FOR DIRECT MEMORY ACCESS ANDBUFFERING OF DIGITAL

SIGNALS FOR MULTIPLE USER

DETECTION

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

The invention provides methods and apparatus for multiple user detection (MUD) processing that have application, for example, in improving the capacity CDMA and other wireless base stations. One aspect of the invention provides a multiprocessor, multiuser detection system for detecting user transmitted symbols in CDMA short-code spectrum waveforms. A first processing element generates a matrix (hereinafter, "gamma matrix") that represents a correlation between a short-code associated with one user and those associated with one or more other users. A set of second processing elements generates, e.g., from the gamma matrix, a matrix (hereinafter, "R-matrix") that represents cross-correlations among user waveforms based on their amplitudes and time lags. A third processing element produces estimates of the user transmitted symbols as a function of the R-matrix. One aspect of the invention provides a digital signal processor ("DSP") that processes user waveforms. The DSP has an associated memory and an associated direct memory access ("DMA") controller that controls access to that memory. A programmable logic device ("PLD") is coupled to the DMA controller and configures it to move data relating to user waveform characteristics from the memory to a buffer external to the DSP.